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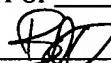
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the election requirement imposed by the Examiner in the communication mailed September 12, 2005. The Examiner identified FIGS. 2 and 3 as examples of two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Election of Species

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the species of the invention depicted in FIG. 3. Presently, all of the claims read on the elected species. Additionally, at least claims 1 and 20 are generic to both of the identified species of the invention.

Traversal of the Election Requirement

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.146, the examiner, “[i]n the first action . . . may require the applicant in the reply to that action to elect a species of his or her invention to which his or her claim will be restricted if no claim to the genus is found to be allowable.” In accordance with MPEP 811, “[t]his means the examiner should make a proper requirement as early as possible in the prosecution, in the first action if possible, otherwise, as soon as the need for a proper